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## STATE CRUDE OIL AT SIX-YEAR LOW

NEW REDUCTIONS MAKE PRICES NOW ONLY 22 PER CENT OF THOSE ON JANUARY 1.

Further crude oil price reductions announced at Pittsburgh by the principal marketing agencies Tuesday brought, Somers, the leading grade produced in Kentucky, down to 90c a barrel, the lowest since April 1915 when it sold at 90c a barrel. Somerset Light, another Kentucky grade, was lowered 30c to 61c. The reduction on Somerset was 20c.

Pennsylvania was lowered 25c a barrel to \$2.25. Corning was cut 20c to \$1.20. Cabell was cut 30c lower to \$1.11 and Ragland suffered a 15c reduction to 60c.

Deflation of prices seems to have hit the oil producers harder than almost any other industry. Around the first of the year the two Somerset grades of oil were selling at \$4.25 and \$4.50 a barrel, respectively, compared with 90c and \$1.10. In other words, present prices are only about 21 per cent of 22 per cent of what they were six months ago.

**Production Decreasing.**  
Operators who had producing wells were forced to sell their oil, or else provide extensive storage facilities, while others who had started drilling in the hope that prices would recover before the new wells were completed.

There has been a change during the last few weeks, however. Statistics compiled by the American Petroleum Institute show that the daily average production in the United States has been decreasing recently. For the week ended June 19 the daily average production of the country is estimated at 1,329,550 barrels, compared with 1,444,100 for the immediately preceding week.

## Silence Broods Over Blair Pardon Case

Frankfort, Ky., June 24.—Silence broods over Capitol Hill. Mystery still shrouds the Morrow-Galvin-Blair pardon scandal.

Gov. E. P. Morrow, asked today by a correspondent for an interview, said: "If it's about the Blair case, I'm not talking about it. Glad to see you about anything else. Besides, I've just five minutes to catch the train."

Recalling the storm which brought loud peals of thunder from the executive offices when the Governor found out he had been imposed upon in releasing a crook wanted by Federal authorities, citizens interested in law enforcement are unable to understand the sudden calm which settled thereon, following the star chamber conference between Mr. Morrow and Maurice Galvin yesterday.

These citizens point to the Governor's previously professed intentions of sitting the matter to the bottom and refer to the conference with the Republican State Committee as a "bushwhacking denouement."

They find in the Governor's brief statement on his interview with Mr. Galvin, no explanation for his seeming loss of interest in the investigation, nor for his action in clamping the lid on interviews concerning the case, in which, they said, the public still is intensely interested.

## MRS. M. KELLEY DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Mathias Kelley died at her home in Louisa Thursday morning after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. The family moved to Louisa last fall from Portsmouth, Ohio, to which place they had gone from the Blaine section of this county some time before.

A daughter died some months ago of tuberculosis also. Mrs. Kelley will be laid to rest beside the daughter in the burial ground near M. A. Hay's.

The husband and seven children survive.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. C. C. Carter celebrated his birthday last Sunday with a noon day luncheon prepared by his wife in up-to-date fashion. The table fairly groaned under its weight of substantial and all the delicacies of the season. It was a most enjoyable occasion. A "Brunswick" furnished the music for the affair.

Guests present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Martin, together with Masters William Carter and "Hubby" Martin and Mrs. Hester Carter, grandmother of the host.

## LAWN FETE.

The lawn fete held at the home of Miss Anna Mary Miller last Thursday evening was a pleasant affair and well patronized. The proceeds go to the fund for the relief of the starving in the Near East.

## AT A. B. AYRES CAMP.

The following enjoyed last week at the Ayres camp at Ayresville, this county: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Messrs. Elizabeth Yates, Alva Snyder, Emily Conley and Ellen Hughes, J. B. Ferguson and Luther Atkins of Louisa and O. C. Garlin of Ashland.

**MARTIAL LAW FOR MINGO.**  
Martial law has again been declared by the Governor of West Virginia in Mingo county. The situation continues very bad there.

## BISHOP COLLINS DENNY TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., is expected to preside over the annual meeting of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which convenes at Williamson, August 31. Bishop Denny has been assigned to this conference jointly with the venerable Bishop R. H. Hendrix of Kansas City, Mo. Bishop Hendrix is enfeebled and is having much of his work to the young members of the episcopacy.

## SCHOOL BOARD TO BE ELECTED SATURDAY

A board of education for the Louisa graded school district will be elected on Saturday of this week, July 2. The polls will open at the court house at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. Four members will be elected. He are informed that the following names will appear on the ballot books: W. H. Adams, A. M. Hughes, Dr. C. B. Walters and W. W. See.

## TICKET SELECTED BY BOYD COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Boyd county democrats in a meeting at Catlettsburg yesterday named the following ticket to be voted upon in November: Representative, Mrs. Mary Elliott Plannery, Catlettsburg; County Judge, J. G. Rucker, Ashland; County Attorney, W. D. O'Neal, Catlettsburg; Sheriff, John White, Ashland; County Clerk, Mrs. Madge Estelle Watson, Ashland; Jailer, Tilman Buckley, Catlettsburg, and Coroner Dr. J. A. Sparks, Ashland.

## VOTE ON COUNTY SEAT IN WAYNE

REMOVAL OF COURT HOUSE TO KENOVA WILL BE VOTED ON SEPTEMBER 15.

A petition containing 4,368 names was filed at Wayne, W. Va., recently calling for a vote on removing the county seat of Wayne county to Kenova.

This made it compulsory upon the county court to call an election and September 15 is the date fixed.

Carl Wellman, W. T. Wallace and W. R. Wilson signed the bond required by law.

This question has already aroused a great deal of interest and will result in a hot fight.

## Oil Operations by the Union Company

The Union Gas & Oil company has shut down 18 of the 20 rigs drilling for it in the upper Blaine field.

Well No. 1 on Sanford Lyons forty acres is an excellent well, making 40 barrels. This well is south of all the other oil wells on the Union leases and was expected to produce gas, so this extends the oil pool very considerably.

No. 5 on D. W. Skaggs is an average producer. This is on the farm on which the first four oil wells were drilled in the Blaine field.

No. 11 J. C. Holbrook is drilling. The second gas well has been drilled on Henry Pyffe.

John Gilliam, No. 3 on the 125 acre tract is flowing. Lavina Skaggs No. 1 is drilling. James Skaggs No. 4 has a fishing job.

## Louisa Beats Paintsville Ball Team Six to One

The Louisa baseball team went to Paintsville Wednesday and won a smashing victory by a score of 6 to 1. On Sunday the teams played at Louisa, resulting in a 3 to 2 victory for Louisa. A detailed account of that game is published on page seven.

Graham Taveator pitched for Louisa and performed the remarkable feat of striking out 21 men. Alex Frazier caught the game in his usual good style. The Paintsville pitcher was Jasper, who pitched a brilliant game against Louisa recently. His work was good in this game also.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jim Skeena, 34, to Lucy Meredith, 21, of Fort Gay, W. Va. Bert Fugitt, 18, to Dixie Attrip, 25, of Glenhays, W. Va. Arthur Borders, 46, of Williamson, to Ora Preston, 26, of Georges creek. Cullie Finley, 18, to Lillian Wellman, 19, of Wayne-co., W. Va. W. J. Blair, 32, to Lula Hall, 20, of Lenora.

## A PICNIC PARTY.

A pleasant affair given last Friday afternoon by Miss Sallie Gearhart and the members of her Sunday school class of Junior girls was a picnic on the Point near Louisa. Some of the girls' mothers and other friends joined them and very much enjoyed the outing.

**DEATH CALLS CHILD**  
Barbara May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Lambert passed away Thursday morning about eleven o'clock after an illness of a few hours. She was only a month old. The body will probably be taken to East Fork where other children of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are buried.

## 7,000 TEACHERS ARE SUMMER SCHOOLS

Frankfort, Ky., June 23.—More than 7,000 of the 11,000 teachers in Kentucky are attending summer schools. State Superintendent George Colvin announced today and at no expense to the State.

Reports received indicate that the innovation, which supplants the county teachers' institute, is a success and popular. The schools continue five weeks at the university normal schools and some fifty centers established throughout the State. They are supported by appropriations by county boards and dues from the teachers.

"The success" said Superintendent Colvin, "is due to the loyalty of the teachers, enthusiasm of the institutions and generosity of the local boards."

About 3,000 are attending extension schools, 600 the university, 2,000 the normal and 900 to summer schools. About 700 of the 1,000 negro teachers are attending.

## THIRTY-SIX DEATHS IN COAL MINES DURING MAY

Charleston, W. Va.—Thirty-six deaths occurred because of mine accidents in West Virginia during May, according to the state department of mines. Eleven of the 36 deaths occurred in McDowell. Six persons were killed outside the mines and 30 inside.

## STATE DRY AGENT WILL DISTRIBUTE SIXTY PLUMS

Washington, June 23.—Samuel Collins, State Prohibition Enforcement Agent, will have about sixty appointments to make it was learned here today. The average salary is about \$2,250 a year and there are but few civil service handicaps.

## MINGO TRIALS POSTPONED.

Williamson, W. Va.—The trial of Ed Hatfield and 23 others, scheduled for the July term of Circuit Court here, will be postponed. This fact became known after counsel for both sides held a conference. The principals in the case did not wish to be involved in a long trial during the hot months, and this was given as the reason for postponement.

## WHITE TRUCKS FOR MAYO CO.

The Mayo Oil Service Co. of Ashland has placed an order for a fleet of White Oil Tank trucks of the very latest design. Two of these are two ton trucks each, equipped with 600 gallon gasoline tanks and one three and a half ton truck equipped with a thousand gallon tank.

## CHARGED WITH MOONSHINING.

Willie Pauley and Sheridan Vinson were arrested on Mill creek, in Wayne county, W. Va., a few days ago for moonshining. They were taken to Wayne.

## ANOTHER BIG GAS WELL.

The Carroll gas company has drilled in gas well No. 4 near Red Bush in Johnson-co., and it is good for more than a million cubic feet per day.

## GEARHEART-WEBB WEDDING AT LOUISA

The home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Helen Gearheart, in Louisa, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday morning of this week when Miss Sallie Gearheart and Mr. Oscar J. Webb were united in marriage. This is the culmination of a courtship extending over a dozen years or more.

The ceremony took place at half after nine o'clock in the presence of a few relatives and friends who had gathered for the occasion, although no invitations had been issued.

The bride was most becomingly attired in a suit of blue embroidered tulle, gray blouse, with hat and gloves to match.

The impressive ceremony was read by the Rev. J. D. Bell, pastor of the M. E. Church South, the ring service being used. Immediately after the wedding the couple drove to the C. & O. station and left for their wedding trip which includes a visit to Detroit and points on the Great Lakes.

After their return they will go at once to Lacey, Ky., where a furnished home awaits them. Mr. Webb is a prominent and successful merchant of that place and a member of one of the leading families of that section. Congratulations are extended him by all who know his lovely bride. Since coming to Louisa several years ago Miss Sallie has made friends of all with whom she has come in contact. She has taught in the schools here a number of years and the fact that she was given the principalship of the Louisa Graded School last year without application and after having decided not to teach, shows her recognized ability as a teacher. She has been as faithful in her church and as teacher of a class of girls in Sunday school. They were at the train with showers of rice and good wishes for her happiness.

Mrs. Webb was one of Louisa's most active and dependable community workers and she will be greatly missed here. In returning to Floyd county she is going back to the neighborhood where she grew up. From Louisa's standpoint there is another regrettable feature of this affair. It means the loss of Mrs. Helen Gearheart, mother of the bride, who will hereafter spend most of her time, if not all, away from Louisa. It is a real loss to a community to have good people like these to move away.

## STATE TROOPER SHOT FROM AMBUSH

SHOOTING TOOK PLACE NEAR TENT COLONY AT BLACKBERRY CITY, IT IS SAID.

Williamson, W. Va., June 28.—William McMillion, 24, state trooper, died in a hospital here at eight o'clock tonight from a bullet wound in the back fired from an ambush when a party of four troopers, of which he was a member, was on its way from Lynn to Matewan after investigating the alleged slugging of a non-union miner.

A detachment of twenty state troopers, headed by Major Wood of the West Virginia National Guard and Capt. Brockus was hurried to the scene of the shooting which was near the tent colony at Blackberry City, according to a statement made here tonight by Capt. Brockus.

Bloodhounds secured from Freeburn, Ky., were placed on the scent at a point on the hillside where empty cartridges were found. They followed a trail which led to a tent in Blackberry City colony occupied by E. E. Lehman and T. W. Lehman, brothers, both described by Capt. Brockus as non-residents of the state and unknown in Williamson. The men, who were placed under arrest, acted as if the matter were a great joke.

During the forenoon word came to state police headquarters at Matewan that a non-union miner named Pennington had been attacked and beaten at Lynn by strike sympathizers.

Sergeant Jennings, in command at Matewan, sent a detachment of four men to investigate.

After completing their investigation the troopers started back to Matewan via the county road. Within three hundred yards of the tent colony at Blackberry City, they were fired upon from two points on the hillside about thirty yards from the road. It is estimated that fifteen or twenty shots were fired. At the first volley McMillion fell.

The wounded trooper was placed in a passing automobile and hurried to the hospital at Williamson.

A special train was secured at Williamson and Capt. Brockus and his men hurried forth in search of the gunmen.

McMillion was a resident of Nicholas county. He has a brother who is an officer in the department of public safety.

## Miss Caroline Williamson and Mr. Frank Puller Wed

The following from a Memphis, Tenn., paper refers to the marriage of Miss Williamson, who has visited here at the home of her grandfather, R. T. Burns. The wedding occurred on June 16th.

The West Presbyterian church was the scene of a pretty wedding of unusual interest late Wednesday afternoon when Miss Caroline Burns Williamson, daughter of Rev. Dr. C. H. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson, became the bride of Mr. Frank Seymour Puller, of Chicago, formerly of Starkville, Miss.

Under the loving hands of friends of the bride, the church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of choice blossoms and greenery, a green and white wedding motif being effectively carried out.

Mrs. William J. Meyer rendered the nuptial music, including among the numbers "Liebestraum," "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," and during the ceremony softly played "I Love You" by Grieg.

The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock the Rev. C. H. Williamson, Ph.D., father of the bride and pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Robert, wore a beautiful draped robe of chiffon, trimmed with hand-made chiton roses, with a short tulle veil, caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas.

The maid of honor, Miss Katherine Williamson, sister of the bride, was gownned in pink French organdie, with a hat to match and carried an arm bouquet of pink snapdragons and corn flowers.

Miss Josephine Dickinson, the flower girl, was gownned in white point d'esprit ever pink and carried a basket of pink roses, with petals of the pink peony, which she scattered in the pathway of the bride.

Mr. Puller was attended by his brother, Mr. John Shepard Puller, of Starkville, as best man, and Messrs. Eugene McThee, Rowland Williamson, James Jackson, of Tusculum, Ala., and Aurelius Puller of Starkville, who acted as ushers.

The ceremony was followed by a small reception for the members of the bridal party and relatives in the home of the bride's parents, which was prettily decorated with Shasta daisies and garden flowers.

For the occasion the bride's mother was gownned in white crepe de chine. The guests had the pleasure of viewing the many beautiful wedding gifts, after which a dainty menu was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Puller will spend their honeymoon on the Northern lakes, the bride traveling in a tailored suit of tan covert cloth, with a brown hat. Early in July they will be at home to their friends at Neenah-Menasha, Wis.

## KENTUCKIAN FOUND SLAIN IN TENNESSEE

Knoxville, Tenn., June 28.—The body of a young man mysteriously murdered at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., has been identified as Roy Sasser, Grays, Ky.

The body was discovered in a hollow near a coal chute. There were five bullet holes, two through the head. He is said to have had \$300 on his person when he was killed, and robbery is given as the motive. His clothing had been rifled. Identification resulted from a slip of paper found in his trousers' pocket.

Sasser had been working at the mine at Lynch, Ky. His parents arrived today for the body.

Four men and one woman have been arrested as suspects, and threats of mob violence have been made.

## DEATH OF W. B. TAYLOR.

Wm. B. Taylor died Thursday morning of this week at the home of his son, Ebon Taylor, of Yatesville. His death occurred about 8 o'clock. He had been ill the past year and a short time ago went to the home of his son to spend his remaining days.

Mr. Taylor was a good citizen and had lived in Louisa since his marriage to Mrs. Mollie Evans a few years ago. He was about 65 years old and is survived by three sons, Ebon, William and G. W. Also, his wife.

His burial will take place at the old home place near Yatesville on Friday at ten o'clock.

## ROBISON ROAD AID BILL IS PASSED

HOUSE PASSES KENTUCKY CONGRESSMAN'S BILL RELATING TO FEDERAL ROADS.

Washington, June 27.—After forty minutes of heated debate, the House today passed the Robison road bill, designed particularly to keep highways improved by Federal funds in good condition.

The vote was 365 to 77. Although supported by a majority of the House Roads Committee, the bill was vigorously opposed by Chairman Thomas B. Dunn and other members, who argued that it would benefit sparsely settled States at the expense of populous ones.

Representative Samuel Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, declared enforcement of the bill would "absolutely wreck the road system of Texas."

Proponents contend the measure would facilitate development of roads and benefit farmers especially. Under the measure States would have three years in which to establish funds for maintenance of Federal aid roads.

Should a State, after proper notification, fail within 100 days to make specified improvements of roads, the Federal Government would undertake the work at the State's expense, and until settlement was made, no further projects for Federal aid construction in that State would be approved.

The State, instead of counties or other sub-divisions, would be the unit in allotting Federal funds, and the same method of apportionment would prevail as at present, except that no State would receive less than one-half of 1 per cent of each year's allotment. This would increase the Federal contribution for road improvements in Delaware, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont.

## Boggs Goes to Washington To Sign Highway Pledges

Frankfort, Ky.—Joe S. Boggs, State Highway Engineer, left Monday night for Washington to sign agreements for Federal aid. All agreements to bind the 1920-1921 Federal appropriation must be signed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State Engineer before midnight, June 30. As the Secretary has before him project statements from nearly every State in the Union, the head of the Bureau of Highways wired him that he should not risk the delay of having the Kentucky agreements sent to Frankfort for his signature.

## MARCUM REUNION.

Celebrating the birthday anniversary of Dr. F. D. Marcum, a family reunion was held at Camden park last Friday. A large crowd, consisting of the following, was present: Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Marcum, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Marcum, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Marcum and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marcum, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marcum and daughter, Nancy Jim, Mrs. Elizabeth Marcum, Misses Edith, Hemia, Beale and Virginia Marcum, Mr. and Mrs. William Marcum, Mr. and Mrs. William Holt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Dana O'Neal and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, Dr. Bryner, Glenn Wright, Jay O'Daniel, Fred O'Neal and Miss Luella McClure of Louisa, Ky.

## EASTERN STAR MEETING.

A special meeting of Louisa Chapter, O. E. S., will be held at Masonic Hall in Louisa at 7:30 Friday evening, July 1. The Grand Deputy, Mrs. Effie McGuire of Ashland, will be present and inspect both Louisa and Blaine chapters. Officers of Blaine chapter will attend.

Among visitors who are expected are Mrs. Jas. Ashworth of Ashland and Miss Beatie Collinsworth of Pallsburg. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of Louisa chapter.

## SCARLET FEVER.

Geo. Wm. McClure is recovering from scarlet fever. He went to Delaware, O., to visit friends and while there became ill. His father, L. T. McClure was called there to see him. Geo. Wm. will come to Louisa as soon as he is able. His physicians advise rest and quiet through the summer. He is a medical student in Cincinnati.

## WRIT AWARDED IN MINGO CASE

Two writs of habeas corpus arising from martial law in Mingo county have been awarded by the supreme court at Charleston. They were granted upon petitions of Henry Feltz, a resident of Mingo county, and Steve Collins, of Pike county. In each case, Sheriff Pinson is instructed to appear before the supreme court with the prisoners.

Both men claim they are held in jail contrary to law. Collins said he went to Matewan, across Tug river from his home to get a doctor for members of his family who were ill. While he was standing in front of the physician's office he was ordered by a state policeman to "move on." He hesitated the petition said, and was placed under arrest immediately on a charge of unlawful assembling, contrary to Gov. Morgan's proclamation of martial law. Feltz's petition said he also was arrested because he did not promptly obey a command to "move on."—Williamson News.

**CIGARETTE CAUSES \$25,000 FIRE.**  
Wardfield, Ky., June 22.—Fire which last night destroyed the New Moore Hotel and two residences here is believed to have been caused by a cigarette tossed carelessly into some debris at the hotel. A bucket brigade line to Tug river was formed and prevented destruction of other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

**OFFERS REWARD IN KILLING.**  
Frankfort, Ky., June 23.—Governor Morrow today offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of Homer Patrick, alleged to have killed his cousin, John Patrick, in Magoffin county, June 10.

**PIKE COUNTY MAN KILLS A NEIGHBOR AND THEN HIMSELF**

R. E. COLEMAN SHOTS L. E. LAYNE WITHOUT WARNING OR APPARENT CAUSE.

Pikeville, Ky., June 29.—R. E. Coleman of Raccoon, Ky., shot and killed L. E. Layne at that place yesterday and then, turning his pistol on himself, fired two shots from which he died instantly. Layne was cradling oats on the hill some distance from his home when Coleman went around the hill back of him and it is said, fired the first shot into Layne's back before he was discovered.

Layne started for the bottom of the hill, running and rolling down the steep hillside, with Coleman close behind in mad pursuit. Layne was seen to look back and at that instant Coleman fired at close range. The shot entered the forehead and Layne fell dead. Coleman then turned his pistol toward his own breast, but the shot glanced. His second aim was more accurate and the ball crashed through. He fell dead by his victim.

The coroner's inquest revealed nothing of any previous trouble between the two men. The coroner learned that Coleman had written a note to Layne's wife on the day of the killing but that it had never been delivered. He secured this note from Coleman's father. The note said: "At one time I thought you would become my wife. This matter has gone too far. It may be in a day or two we will be together not to part."

Coleman was a young widower. Layne leaves a wife and two children.—Louisville Times.